

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY (JLDA)

December 28-31, 2026 is the next opportunity for your boys to attend South Texas Royal JLDA!

In Royal Rangers, the process of preparing young men for leadership and engaging them in leadership roles is an integral part of what we do. This year's JLDA will provide 3 different levels of leadership training camps. Merit Camp, Shooting Sports Action Camp, and the official Junior Leadership Development Academy starting with Junior Training Camp.

The camp descriptions for camps we are offering in December are as follows:

Merit Camp (MC)

MC is designed as a transitional camp where boys will be introduced to our district junior leader training. This will be a fun and exciting camp geared towards the Discovery Rangers in the 3rd grade, 4th grade, or 5th grade, but is open to older boys needing merits. MC will introduce boys to the patrol system while they explore fun and adventurous subjects in an outdoor setting.

Shooting Sports Action Camp (MC)

SSAC is for those who wish to learn about shooting sports and is open to boys in 8th grade or higher. You will learn basic shooting and firearm safety. Much of the instruction is based on the silver Small-bore Safety, Shotgun Safety, Small-bore Shooting, and Shotgun Shooting merits. Either silver Black Powder Shooting merit or silver Air Rifle merit is another option that may be available. You will also learn the process for participating in the Royal Rangers Postal Competitions.

Junior Leadership Development Academy (JLDA)

JLDA is designed to assist a boy in his leadership journey. It consists of several events that will give boys fun-filled, intentional leadership training, along with powerful spiritual development opportunities. This training experience is designed to be a catalyst and springboard of spiritual encouragement. We will run the following JLDA camps in 2026:

Junior Training Camp (JTC)

JTC focuses on leadership development in the local patrol and group and is open to boys in the 6th grade or higher. JTC will help boys discover answers to these questions:

- What are my God-given (natural) talents and strengths and how am I developing them?
- Do I have what it takes to be a godly man?
- What is God's plan for my life?

Junior Academy (JA)/Staff

If you are a graduate of Advanced Junior Training Camp (AJTC) or a current Royal Rangers adult leader, we invite you to attend Junior Academy and to serve on staff at JLDA. All adult staff will need to have at least 1 utility uniform with official Royal Rangers tactical or convertible pants. You will also need the brown field hat and will be issued staff t-shirts at camp. Staff and JA report to camp on Saturday, December 26th to begin training and camp preparations.

Those who complete the Junior Academy will be challenged to answer these questions:

- How do I help others to find God's plan for their life?
- How am I helping to develop godly character in others?
- Who are those in need and how can I serve?
- How am I improving as an instructor?
- Am I emulating a Christlike life worthy of following?

All men 18 years and older who plan to serve on staff must be listed on their church's "2026 STXRR Certified Worker Form"